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1. On 23 November 1952 there arrived in Floesti, sixteen 88 mm German antiaircraft guns from the Bucharest Arsenal. They are still on the unloading ramps where they are guarded by MAI formations.
2. The Sovromtractor Factory at Stalin (Brasov) is now guarded by four 37 mm anti-aircraft guns. These are the only AA defenses now installed in the industrial part of Stalin. One of the guns is on a tower on the west side of the factory, two of them are on a height 500 meters north of the factory, and the fourth gun has not been permanently located. The guns are served by men from the Ghimbav Airfield.
3. The 21 Rumanian Infantry Regiment is now located in the buildings at 86-90 Iugoj Street, Timisoara, which formerly belonged to the church hospital. The men belong to the classes of 1927 to 1930. The commander is Colonel Mihai Comon; the Soviet adviser is Colonel Ivan Serafimovitch Kuzmanov; the political commissar is Major Ioan V. Dascalescu. The battalions are made up of three rifle companies and a heavy weapons company. The rifle companies have two platoons, the heavy weapons company has a heavy machine gun platoon and a mortar platoon. Each rifle company has a heavy machine gun, model 34, German; and two light machine guns model ZB-Cugir. The heavy weapons company has four type 81 mm German heavy machine guns, and four mortars, model Resita, 100 mm. The rifle companies have 120 men each, the heavy weapons company, 96 men. The unit is horse-drawn. The [REDACTED]
4. The 11 Artillery Regiment is located in Arad at Paulisului Street, 69-75. This is a barracks complex with 15 personnel buildings and 8 stables. The commander is Colonel Dimitru Sofraneanu; the political commissar is Captain Ilie Neagu. The regiment consists of three batteries, each with eight guns. The 1 and 2 Batteries have Soviet 90 mm guns, and 3 Battery has French 75 mm guns. The unit is horse-drawn. The men belong to the classes of 1928 to 1933.

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5. The 7 Armored Regiment is in the J.V. Stalin barracks in Aradul Nou, opposite the railroad station. It has a strength of about 400 men. The commander is Colonel Arcadie Moldovan. It is divided into two companies, each with eight

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insignia.

6. The 13 Antiaircraft Regiment is in a newly built barracks on the extended Calea Fagarasului 112-114, Stalin. The commander is Colonel Traian Roata. The strength of the regiment is 500 men. It is divided into four companies, each company having four guns. The soldiers have blue shoulder boards with brown insignia. As the regiment was only assembled in September 1952, it is still in the basic training stage.

7. All state owned industries in Stalin and its neighborhood are guarded by MAI Brigade 6. This unit is quartered in a barracks in the Darste area. The unit strength is 600 men, divided into six companies. The commander is Colonel Vasile Dobrogeanu. The soldiers have blue shoulder boards with blue insignia. Auto-

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8. The 10 Armored Regiment occupies the Petrovici barracks in Floesti. This barracks was completed in 1952 and is some 800 meters south of the concrete bridge on the Road Floesti Sud-Buzau. The regiment is still in the course of organization, with two companies on foot, and each equipped with six T-34 tanks. It now has 350 men from the classes 1926 to 1930. Soviets act as instructors.

9. The 3 CF Battalion (sic) has been established in the Cazarma Tudor Vladimirescu (formerly General Dragalina barracks) at Strada Lenin 17-19, Resita. Its strength is 350 men. The commander is Major Piotr Piotrovitch Kataiev, a Soviet. The battalion has four model ZB light machine guns and machine pistols. The men serve as transport guards and perform general guard duty. They wear shoulder boards of the same color as the uniform, with black insignia.

10. On 20 October 1952 the 2 Rumanian Paratroop Regiment was installed in the Maiakowski barracks (formerly Alexandru cel Bun) at Maiakowski strada 56-58, Craiova. The commander is Colonel Simeon Visteanu; the adjutant is Major Grigore Silisteanu. The strength is some 600 men, in four companies. It is equipped with several model ZB light machine guns and flame throwers. The shoulder boards are light blue, with yellow insignia.

11. The 30 Heavy Artillery Regiment is in the Lenin barracks (formerly Matei Basarab) at Strada Drumul Sarilor 3-5, Craiova. The commander is Colonel Marin Ciuperca; the adjutant, Captain Ionel S. Florescu. The strength is some 500 men. There are three batteries, each with four 170 mm Russian guns. The men belong to the classes 1929 to 1933. The shoulder boards are of the color of the uniform with light red insignia.

12. The 3 Communications Regiment is in the Paulis School, in the Lipova area. The strength is abo [REDACTED] (a radio car), [REDACTED] shoulder boards.

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13. The 2 Antitank Regiment is in a barracks west of Copaceni de Sus, between the city of Bucharest and the Arges River. These barracks consist of 12 buildings. The commander is Major Istrate Panait; the adjutant is Captain Emil Zavoiu. The strength is 450 men, divided into three companies. Each company has four antitank guns of German model. The shoulder boards are of the uniform color, with orange insignia. The troops exercise daily at Darasti.

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14. The 2 Railroad Regiment is at Branesti, 25 kilometers east of Bucharest. The barracks which were built in 1949 are between the Cozieni railroad station and Branesti. The regiment has three battalions of 350 men each; three companies to a battalion. The 1 and 2 Battalions are at Branesti and 3 Battalion is at Filiasi, near Craiova. At Branesti there are three 75 mm guns, and an armored train. Shoulder boards are black, with very small insignia.

15. Since the middle of October 1952 there have been eighteen T-34/85 tanks at the south edge of the village of Vladeni, near Ploesti, guarded by Rumanian soldiers.

about 150 men.

16. A Rumanian unit of about 200 men was installed at Bocsia Romana, Strada V.I. Lenin 11 in the former Maraschey Inn. This is probably the reserve battalion of the 7 Border Guard Regiment at Oravita. It goes out for exercises daily under its commander, a major, probably a Soviet. There are Soviet instructors.

17. The 1 and 2 Battalions of the 29 Mountain Regiment are located in Coltani near Resita. The regiment is in process of organization and when complete will go to the barracks near Berzovia. The commander is Colonel Nistor Semineanu and the adjutant is Major Vasile Simici. There is a Soviet colonel as observer. The present strength is about 500 men. Shoulder boards are of the color of the uniform with dark green insignia. The men belong to the classes of 1930 to 1933.

18. The 9 River Guard Detachment is stationed in the Cazarma Mihai Viteazul in Varciorova. The unit strength is 300 men and is commanded by Captain Eftimu Crasoveanu. It has four motor patrol boats of type C-6, with the numbers: IX-M-2, IX-M-4, IX-M-8, IX-M-6. The shoulder boards are of the color of the uniform with navy blue insignia.

19. The 2 Battalion of the 11 Antiaircraft Regiment is at Strada Victor Babes 69 in Orsova. The regimental headquarters are at Caransebes. The 2 Battalion has 200 men, and is commanded by Major Constatin Sahia. The unit has charge of the antiaircraft defense of the Ada-Kaleh Island in the Danube River.

20. The 22 Artillery Regiment is at Satul Costii, six kilometers north of Galati, in the barracks built in 1950, called V.I. Lenin. The commander is Lieutenant Colonel Zamfir Malacov. The regiment has 76 mm guns. Its strength is about 600 men.

21. The 27 Infantry Regiment is in the Klementi Voroshilov barracks (formerly Dimitrie Cantemir) in Strada Vishinski 154-156, Galati. The commander is Colonel Marin Zavciuc, and the adjutant is Major Petru Petruti. The strength is about 800 men, divided into four battalions of three companies each. Each company has four light machine guns, type ZB 36 (Czech made). The heavy weapons companies are not organized. Men belong to the classes 1928 to 1933.

22. The 14 Rumanian Infantry Regiment is being organized at the Cazarma General Magheru (formerly Neagol Basarab) on Strada Marsal Voroshilov in Calafat. The men belong to the classes of 1928 to 1933, with a few of 1934 just being taken in. Two battalions were organized and equipped by 25 November 1952. Two more are to be ready by the end of the year. The instructors are Soviets. The commander of the regiment is Colonel Constantin Bogdan and the Soviet advisor is Ilya Ilyevitch Grekov. The battalions have 400 men, divided into two rifle companies, one heavy weapons company, and one antitank company.

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23. There are daily explosions about three kilometers north of Savarsin. Local workers report that a munitions depot is being built underground in the Malu Mountain at height 323.
24. The 2 Cavalry Regiment is in the Horia Closca Crisan barracks at Cernavoda, Strada Reforma Agrara 96. The commander is Lieutenant Avram Scarisoreanu, the adjutant is Major Ovidiu Racoviteanu, and the Soviet observer is Nicolai Ivanovitch Malinowski. The strength of the regiment is 400 men, divided into four squadrons; they belong to the classes 1930 to 1933.
25. In Medgidia, between the south edge of the town and the Medgidia South Railroad Station, is a large barracks complex, now occupied by a labor battalion of 2,000 men. The complex includes 48 buildings. The battalion is a penal unit, made up mainly of racial minorities (Hungarians, German, Serbs, Turks, Jews) who are working on the Black Sea Canal. The commander is Lieutenant Colonel Ilie Dragoi and the political officer is Major Stefan Masiliu.
26. The 3 Assault Battalion is quartered in Buzau, in the Gheorghiu-Dej barracks, Strada Democratiei 7 (formerly Strada Galati). This barracks was completed in 1951. The men of the unit have no contact with civilians or with other troops. They go out only in groups and under observation. The strength of the unit is about 300 men. They use Tatra personnel carriers holding 12 men.

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